(c) by when such Committees are likely to commence their work;

(d) whether recommendations/findings of these Committees would be binding on Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Employment to dependent of deceased employees

1974. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines/criteria for providing employment to the dependents of deceased Central Government employees;

(b) the number of such dependents absorbed in service during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that needy dependents have been waiting for absorption in service for over five-six years;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) what measures are contemplated to minimize the waiting period for absorption in service of the dependents of deceased Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (e) Under the extant policy, dependent family members of deceased Central Government employees can be considered for appointment on compassionate grounds by the respective Administrative Departments in relaxation of the normal recruitment procedure. Such appointments are to be made in most deserving cases, upto a maximum of 5% of direct recruitment vacancies in Group 'C' and 'D' categories of posts to be filled in a year. A request for compassionate appointment can be kept under consideration for a maximum period of three years. Information on total number of compassionate appointments made by the various Government Departments is not centrally maintained. At present, there is no proposal to relax this policy.